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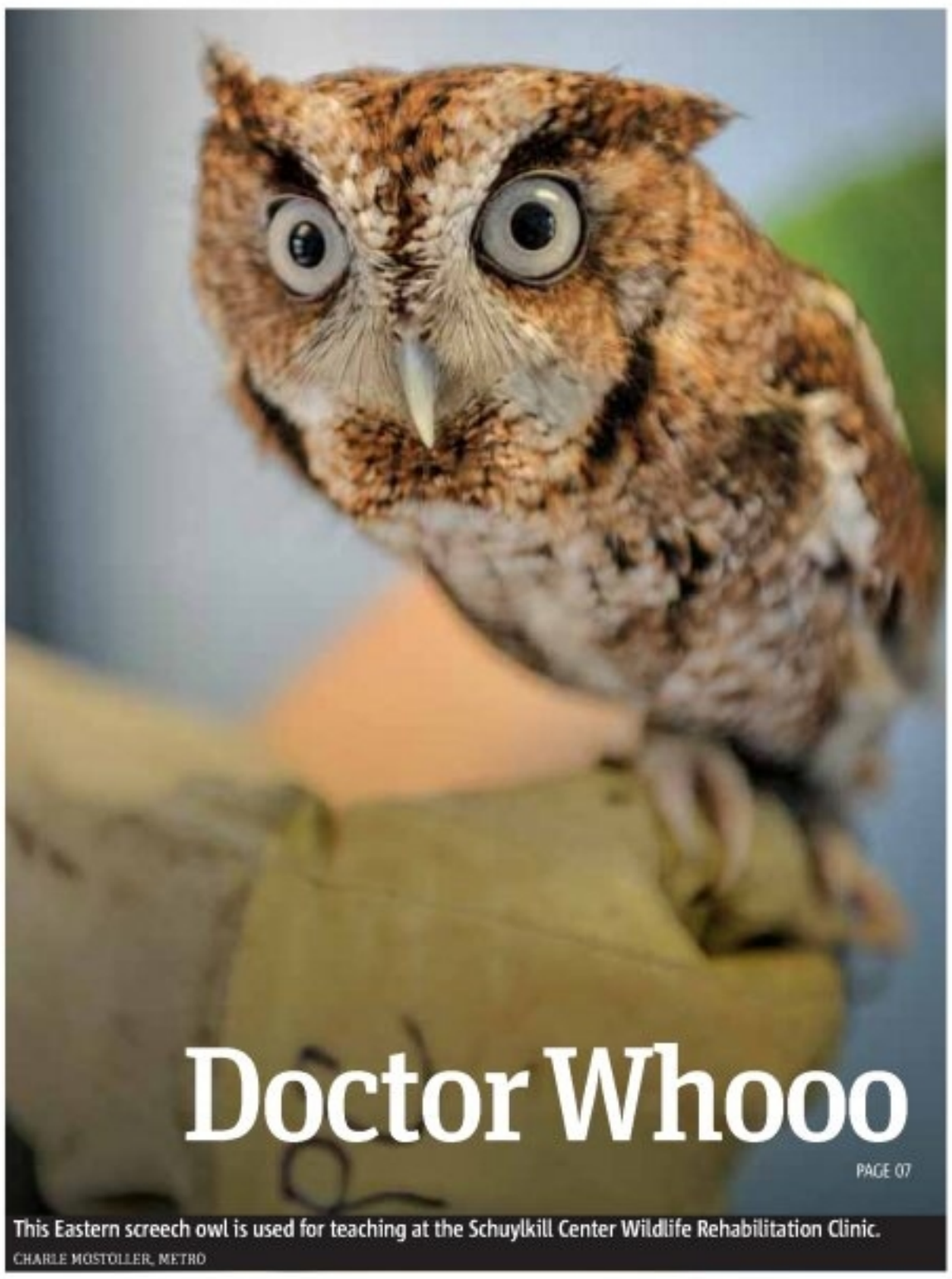

Man who held kids hostage in Trenton had local ties

Sex offender. The barricade suspect, Gerald Tyrone Murphy, was registered as a sex offender in Pennsylvania. **Rap sheet.** He spent a lot of time in Philadelphia prisons, officials said. **Deadly outcome.** Murphy was shot and killed; the children are safe. PAGE 02

Doctor Whooo

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This Eastern screech owl is used for teaching at the Schuylkill Center Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic.
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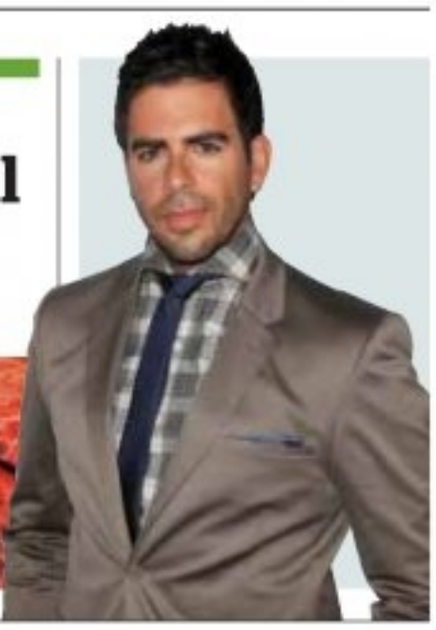

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2 Whole Foods mixes up chicken and vegetarian salads.

3 Read the first statements from the three abducted Cleveland women found alive.

Local Tweet

"You know it's a good Mother's Day when you're playing beer pong with your mommy :)"

@indianp1mp on how he celebrates with his mom on her special day.

Police shoot barricade suspect, recover bodies

Standoff. Police found two corpses inside the home where a man allegedly held three children hostage for nearly three days.

Police yesterday fatally shot suspected Trenton hostage-taker Gerald Tyrone Murphy, who allegedly killed girlfriend Carmelita Stevens and her 13-year-old son two weeks ago, then held hostage three more children, ages 4, 16 and 18.

Officers responded to the home Friday for a welfare check because Stevens' daughters hadn't been to school in 12 days.

"When officers did not receive a response at the door and, fearing for the safety of the family, they made a forced entry into the home through a rear door and immediately smelled an odor consistent with a decomposing body," Trenton Police Director Ralph Rivera said.

Quoted

"[Officers] forced entry ... and immediately smelled an odor consistent with a decomposing body." Rivera

Police found a corpse in a rear bedroom and heard Murphy, who is a registered sex offender in Pennsylvania, say he was barricaded in the front bedroom with the kids, a handgun and explosives.

"During this whole incident, the welfare of the children who were being held hostage was of paramount concern," state police Superintendent Col. Rick Fuentes said. "We passed food and bottled water through an upper window, watching and waiting for the best opportunity to end the standoff safely. That opportunity came 37 hours after the first police response."

Officers on Friday found Stevens' oldest son, 19, hiding in the basement. He said he hadn't seen his mother or sisters in weeks.

Murphy had amassed what Mercer County, N.J., prosecutor Joseph Bocchini called "an extensive record involving violence," spending several stretches in Philadelphia prisons since the early 1990s.

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Pink with a purpose: Walk raises breast cancer research funds

Survivors and friends and families of those who have died from breast cancer lined up in front of the Philadelphia Museum of Art yesterday morning for the annual Race for the Cure event, sponsored by Susan G. Komen. / RIKARD LARMA, METRO

Tragic. Camden boy, 12, shot by friend, 11, expected to survive

A 12-year-old boy is expected to survive after he was shot in the face by an 11-year-old friend Friday in Camden, police said.

The boy was accidentally shot around 8 a.m. inside his apartment as the two boys prepared to leave for school, reports say. The 12-year-old, who was shot around the nose area, is not expected to have any brain damage as a result of the trauma.

The handgun was recovered by police after an extensive search of the apartment complex.

No charges have been filed, but an investigation is still underway into how the children acquired the weapon. METRO

Giveaway

Spirit to offer free miles

The first 1,000 people to pass through the Independence Visitor Center on Thursday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. will get 25,000 free frequent flyer miles from Spirit Airlines.

Spirit's inaugural Philly flight, scheduled to launch on April 4, was delayed. METRO

Paid. City to pay $75,000 to woman hit by cop in parade

The city will pay $75,000 to the woman who was struck in the face by a Philadelphia police officer at the 2012 Puerto Rican Day Parade to settle a federal lawsuit, reports say.

Aida Guzman, 39, was hit by Lt. Jonathan Josey during a commotion at the Sept. 30 celebration last year. The incident, which was caught on video and went viral, happened after Josey thought Guzman had thrown beer on him.

Josey was fired from the police department, but was found not guilty of assaulting the woman in February. Josey has lobbied to be reinstated. METRO

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Local DJ shot and killed on South Street

Slain. Police said Tom Watson, 36, was killed Saturday during an apparent robbery attempt.

A popular local DJ was shot and killed on South Street early Saturday morning during an apparent robbery attempt.

Officers shortly before 3:30 a.m. were called to the Haagen-Dazs ice cream shop at 242 South St. for a report of shots fired during a robbery in progress. Inside the ice cream parlor, responders found an unconscious man lying on the floor.

He died at the scene.

Tom Watson / MYSPACE

The victim was yesterday identified as 36-year-old Tom Watson, a seasoned sound engineer who spun records at local bars and clubs under the pseudonym DJ Fenicx.

The popular resident was also captain of the Olde English Dart League of Philadelphia's Ugly American Transplants team.

Authorities said Watson had just returned from a gig and was unloading gear into his second-floor apartment when he was shot multiple times in what they believe to be an attempted robbery.

It is unclear whether anything was taken, authorities said.

No arrests have yet been made in connection with the crime.

Police said they are looking for two suspects, described only as unknown black males last seen wearing dark-colored hoodies.

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Opinion

JOHN BOLARIS

BOLARIS VISION

A MOTHER GONE TOO SOON

As I write this column on Mother's Day, with my daughter asking me "What was your mommy like?" I get teary eyed, as my mom was the world to me. She was always concerned about everyone else. She was so sensitive that when a fire truck would pass, she teared up. She was a beautiful, smart woman with the bluest of eyes.

All my buddies wanted to come over to Mrs. Bo's, as they would call her, for the baddest lasagna on the planet. Everyone loved my mom and she would make each person feel special. She knew my dream of becoming a TV meteorologist and gave me the confidence that I could do anything. Despite many obstacles, I fulfilled my dream. My mom was taken away from me way too soon. It was Aug. 4, 1988, her birthday and eight days before my wedding. I bought my mom a diamond necklace and was going to give it to her at the rehearsal dinner, but I decided to give it to her for her birthday.

Quoted

"Everyone loved my mom and she would make each person feel special. She knew my dream of becoming a TV meteorologist and gave me the confidence that I could do anything."

She loved it and cried, of course, and said she loved me and was so excited about the wedding. She died suddenly later that day from a heart attack.

My world was rocked. The only person in the world who could assure me everything was going to be all right was gone. The phone would never ring again asking me if I would like to come over for her famous lasagna, telling me how she would smile ear-to-ear watching me on TV. And of course how proud she was of me, and that Dad would be smiling in heaven. I buried my mom in the dress she was going to wear to the wedding, along with the necklace. I don't remember much about the wedding or the honeymoon to this day. Therapists would tell me I was in a state of shock. No; I had lost my Mom, my everything.

Mom, I love you, and thank you for making me the man I am today even with all my faults. And yes, everything is going to be all right. Happy Mother's Day.

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Theft

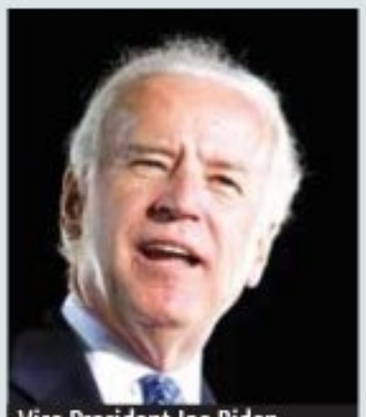
Police: Men stole 52 guns

Delaware State Police arrested four men for allegedly burglarizing Delmarva Shooting Supply in Seaford on Wednesday night, making away with a total of 52 firearms, including 17 rifles, 35 handguns and ammunition. METRO

Speech

Biden to speak at UPenn

Vice President Joe Biden will deliver the keynote address at the University of Pennsylvania's 257th commencement today. He will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree. METRO


Vice President Joe Biden
FILE PHOTO

Fight

U-Del. student stabbed

A 22-year-old University of Delaware student was stabbed several times in the torso early yesterday morning during a fight in a Newark parking lot. The victim was rushed to Christian Hospital. METRO

Court. Former principal pleads guilty to child porn

A 43-year-old former Delaware County middle school principal pleaded guilty in Philadelphia federal court Friday to charges of possessing pornographic images of children, reports say.

Exton resident Troy Czukoski, who served as principal of Springton Lake Middle School, was in possession of nearly 300 sexually explicit images and videos on flash drives and CDs involving children, reports say.

Authorities found the materials, which Czukoski allegedly purchased on child pornography websites for at least three years, during a raid in October.

Czukoski originally pleaded guilty in April. Sensing hesitation from the educator with 20 years' experience, U.S. District Judge Legrome D. Davis told Czukoski to take time for reflection before submitting his plea.

Background

Married with three children between the ages of 7 and 12 years old.

- Czukoski spent 20 years in education.
- In March, Joseph Green Jr., Czukoski's attorney, said his client is an adult survivor of childhood sex abuse.

No evidence exists, reports say, that Czukoski had any unethical contact with students.

Czukoski, who was charged in March, will be sentenced on Aug. 12. He could face up to 10 years in prison.

Officials at Rose Tree Media School District, which oversees Springton Lake, said in March that Czukoski had resigned his position.

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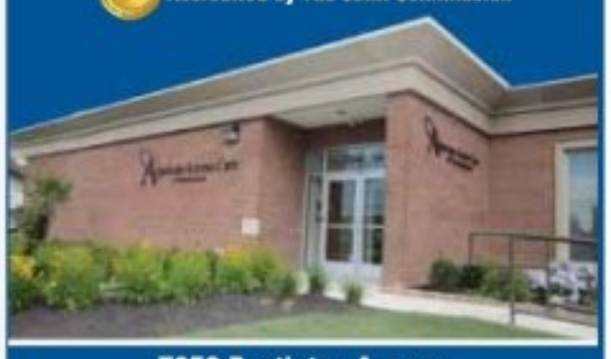

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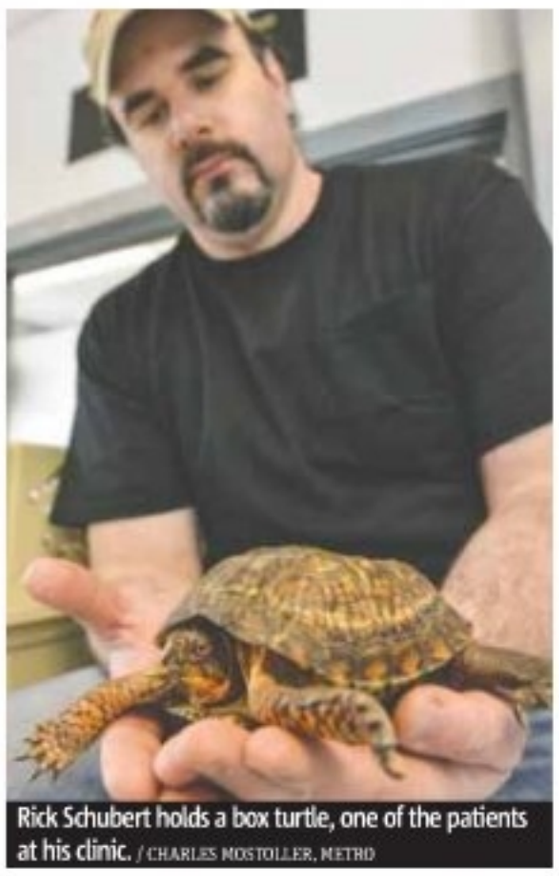
A visit from royalty

King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden visited Philadelphia this weekend, making a stop at the American Swedish Historical Museum. Other stops included the Liberty Bell and the Barnes Foundation. Visit www.metro.us to see more pictures. /RIKARD LARMA, METRO

Wildlife clinic treats, rehabs wild animals



Rick Schubert holds a box turtle, one of the patients at his clinic. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

The center rehabilitates wild birds too, like this hawk. PROVIDED

No bears. Rehab clinic director takes everything from owls to squirrels to turtles. There's even a chicken or two.

Rick Schubert, the director of the Schuylkill Center's Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic, along with just one other employee, treats almost 4,000 injured animals annually. Sixty-five dedicated and well-trained volunteers assist with the care. Schubert is not a veterinarian, but a licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

"I did not go to school for this," he said. "I learned the old-fashioned way. I apprenticed for many years. Then I studied and passed a series of tests given by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Pennsylvania Game Commission."

The center, the only one in the region, rehabilitates all wildlife, except the black bear, that is found naturally in Pennsylvania. It's currently tending an opossum with three babies in its pouch that was hit by a bullet, and a newly hatched great horned owl, which the center expects to return to the wild.

Most of the animals end up at the clinic as a result of having been hit by a car, caught by cats, poisoned, flown into buildings, unlawfully shot, deforestation or habitat loss.

"These animals were hurt due to human intervention," Schubert said. "We need to leave them alone. They have a right to exist. We need to learn to coexist with animals because we are permanently disrupting the ecosystem."

Keep cats indoors

"Domesticated cats are not part of nature. They were brought here by humans." Schubert

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Drive-by

Four hurt in shooting

Four teens were shot Saturday night in a drive-by outside the Edison Mini Market in East Germantown. According to police, an unknown vehicle stopped at a stop sign about 8:30 p.m. and someone opened fire from the passenger side. Four victims, ages 15, 16, 17 and 20, were taken to Albert Einstein Medical Center in stable condition. METRO

Suicide. Burglary suspect shot himself with stolen gun

A burglary suspect shot and killed himself Saturday afternoon as he fled the scene of an alleged crime, according to Delaware State Police.

Investigators said the 45-year-old Greenwood, Del., man, whose identity is not being released, broke into an unoccupied home on the 700 block of Coon Den Road in Harrington around 2 p.m.

While the suspect was inside, the homeowner returned and confronted him, according to authorities. That's when the man allegedly fled the home with several stolen handguns. He was found in nearby woods.

Investigators said the suspect sustained a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head from one of the stolen handguns. He died at the scene. METRO

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Details. Pressure rises on White House over Benghazi assault

President Barack Obama's administration fought back against Republican accusations that it covered up details of last year's deadly assault on a U.S. mission in Libya, after a news report that memos on the incident were edited to omit a CIA warning of a threat posed by al Qaeda.

The report by ABC News gave new momentum to the partisan flap over whether the administration tried to avoid casting the attack as terrorism when the presidential election was less than two months away. REUTERS

President Obama / GETTY IMAGES

Louisiana

Nineteen shot in New Orleans Mother's Day parade

Nineteen people, including two young children, were shot yesterday when gunfire erupted at a Mother's Day parade in New Orleans, police said.

Shots rang out at 1:45 p.m. as the second line of the parade passed the 1400 block of Frenchmen Street, New Orleans Police Department spokesman Garry Flot said.

Ten men and seven women were shot, along with a boy and a girl, both age 10. REUTERS

GOP demands probe of tax scrutiny of conservatives

Closer review. Groups with "Tea Party" or "patriot" in their names were flagged by the IRS.

An IRS official has apologized for the practice, which has embarrassed the tax-collecting agency. / GETTY IMAGES

Republican lawmakers called yesterday for a broad investigation of the U.S. tax agency's acknowledgement that its agents had singled out conservative political groups for more scrutiny, and demanded that President Barack Obama make clear the action was unacceptable.

"This is something we cannot let stand. It needs to have a full investigation," House of Representatives Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers, a Michigan Republican, said on "Fox News Sunday."

"I don't care if you're a conservative, a liberal a Democrat or a Republican, this should send a chill up your spine," Rogers added.

In a practice that drew complaints during the 2012 general election campaign, nonprofit advocacy groups with the words "Tea Party" or "patriot" in their names were flagged for closer review by the Internal Revenue Service when they applied to the agency for tax-exempt status. Such groups may focus on issues, but may not directly support any candidate.

"This is truly outrageous and it contributes to the profound mistrust that the American people have in government," Sen. Susan Collins, a Maine Republican, said on CNN's "State of the Union." "The president needs to make crystal clear that this is totally unacceptable in America."

Collins said she also doubted the IRS' claim that the groups were targeted as part of an "inappropriate" organizing technique by a few bureaucrats in the agency's tax-exempt section, rather than for political reasons. REUTERS

Quoted

"If it had been just a small group of employees, then you would think that the high-level IRS supervisors would have rushed to make this public, fire the employees involved and apologized to the American people and informed Congress." Collins

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Pakistan's Sharif poised to form government after win

Defeat. Former cricket star Imran Khan's party put up a strong fight.

Toppled in a 1999 military coup, jailed and exiled, Pakistan's Nawaz Sharif has made a triumphant election comeback and looks set to form a stable government capable of implementing reforms needed to rescue the fragile economy.

Sharif may not win enough seats to rule on his own but has built up enough momentum to avoid having to form a coalition with his main rivals, former cricketer Imran Khan's Tehrik-i-Insaf and the Pakistan People's Party.

The steel magnate held off a challenge from Khan, who had hoped to break decades of dominance by Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League and the PPP, led by the Bhutto family.

The two parties have formed governments whenever the military, the most powerful institution in the nuclear-armed nation, has allowed civilian rule.

Khan put up a strong fight, and he is likely to remain a force in politics — possibly becoming the main opposition figure. The PPP, which led the government for the last five years, has done badly and could come in third place.

Television channels said of the results declared by yesterday evening, Sharif's PML-N had captured 94 of the 272 contested National Assembly seats.

Based on trends, it was likely to get around 130, and should easily be able to make up the required majority of 137 with support from independents and small parties. **REUTERS**

Supporters of former Pakistani Prime Minister and head of the Pakistan Muslim League-N , Nawaz Sharif, celebrate yesterday. / GETTY IMAGES

War

Turkey says world must act against Syria after bombings

Turkey accused a group with links to Syrian intelligence of carrying out car bombings that killed 46 people in a Turkish border town, and said yesterday it was time for the world to act against the government of President Bashar al-Assad.

The two car bombs, which ripped through crowded shopping streets in Reyhanli on Saturday, increased fears that Syria's civil war is dragging in neighboring states, despite renewed diplomatic moves to end it.

Damascus denied involvement, but Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said those behind the attacks were from an "old Marxist terrorist organization" with ties to Assad's administration. **REUTERS**

Opposition group

Syrian war death toll rises to 82,000

At least 82,000 people have been killed and 12,500 others are missing after two years of civil war in Syria, the opposition Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said yesterday.

Most of the dead were killed by troops and militia loyal to President Bashar al-Assad and most of the missing are believed to have been detained by the government's secret police and other loyalists, the monitoring group said. **REUTERS**

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Texas. Man held on pipe bomb charge denies role in blast

A paramedic accused of possessing pipe bomb components will plead not guilty to that charge and denies any involvement in causing the deadly explosion at a Texas fertilizer plant that he was among the first to respond to, his lawyer said on Saturday.

Bryce Reed, 31, appeared in federal court in Waco, Texas, on Friday to face one count of unlawfully possessing an unregistered destructive device.

Authorities, who separately announced on Friday a criminal probe into the blast, said no evidence linked Reed's arrest to the April 17 fertilizer plant disaster that killed 14 people and injured about 200 in West — a point Reed's attorney echoed in his first comments about the charge. REUTERS

Homicide

Kansas girl's body found

A body believed to be that of an 18-month-old girl killed in a quadruple homicide in eastern Kansas has been recovered, authorities said yesterday.

A deputy in Osage County, Kansas, found the body on Saturday, said Sheriff Jeff Richards of neighboring Franklin County, where three adults were discovered dead on May 6 and 7.

Dozens of law officers and volunteers had been searching since then for the girl, Lana-Leigh Bailey, daughter of homicide victim Kaylie Bailey. REUTERS

'Best Mother's Day' ever for mother of freed captive

Nancy Ruiz is the mother of kidnap victim Gina DeJesus. / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"This is the best Mother's Day I could ever have." Nancy Ruiz

Opportunity. Berry told police her escape had been her first chance to break free in the 10 years she was held.

The mother of Gina DeJesus celebrated the "best Mother's Day" ever yesterday after her daughter was freed with three other captives last week from a long imprisonment in a Cleveland home.

Mothers' Day has a changed meaning for fellow captive Amanda Berry, who during 10 years in captivity lost her mother and conceived and bore her own child, who DNA indicates was fathered by accused kidnapper Ariel Castro, police and prosecutors said.

There was no homecoming for the fourth captive, Michelle Knight, 32, the longest-held, who slipped into seclusion after being released from a hospital on Friday. She shunned hospital visits from family members, some of whom believed she was a runaway when she disappeared 11 years ago after losing custody of her young son, her grandmother said.

The Cuyahoga County prosecutor is seeking murder charges, which could carry the death penalty, against Castro, 52, a former school bus driver who police said induced several miscarriages by beating and starving Knight. REUTERS

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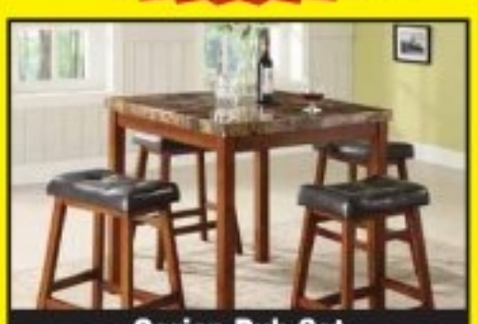
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2 CULTURE

Twitter feed

We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Sarah Silverman knows how to party, Paris Hilton has pretty high standards when it comes to living, Lena Dunham didn't ask for this and Seth Rogen is trying to be more of a guy.

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1 What will not be on your TV come fall

In case you missed it, a lot of shows were axed by the big "alphabet" networks on Friday. NBC gave word that "The New Normal," "1600 Penn,"" Guys With Kids," "Up All Night," "Whitney," "Smash," "Go On" (pictured), "Rock Center," and "Deception" are no longer. CBS has canned "CSI: New York" along with long-running comedy "Rules of Engagement." And ABC canceled "Happy Endings," "Malibu Country," "How To Live With Your Parents," "Body of Proof," "Red Widow" and "Family Tools."

2 Jeff Hanneman died from alcohol-related cirrhosis of the liver

When famed guitarist Jeff Hanneman of Slayer died last week, many reported he succumbed to a flesh-eating bacteria he contracted through a spider bite years earlier. It seemed sort of right that necrotizing fasciitis would be his downfall; it just sounded so epically metal. (Not mention that Necrotizing Fasciitis would be a sick name for a metal band.) But, sadly, it was not the case. In a statement, the remaining members of Slayer said that Hanneman's death at the age of 49 was from alcohol-related cirrhosis of the liver.

"While he had his health struggles over the years, including the recent necrotizing fasciitis infection that devastated his well-being, Jeff and those close to him were not aware of the true extent of his liver condition until the last days of his life," the band said in a statement posted on its website.

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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5 Poehler is dating Nick Kroll

"Parks and Recreation" star Amy Poehler is reportedly dating comedian Nick Kroll, her first romance since splitting with husband Will Arnett last September — aka the most bummer celeb breakup ever — according to Us Weekly. "She was looking for a guy like him," a source says. "She wanted a comedian who 'gets' her." Kroll's played a recurring role on her sitcom since 2011.

3 Seth Meyers will replace Jimmy Fallon on 'Late Night'

"SNL" star and head writer Seth Meyers has been tapped to take over Jimmy Fallon's spot on "Late Night," NBC announced yesterday. Meyers will begin at the 12:35 a.m. time slot next year when current host Jimmy Fallon moves to "The Tonight Show." "We think Seth is one of the brightest, most insightful comedy writers and performers of his generation," said NBC entertainment chairman Bob Greenblatt. "His years at 'SNL''s Weekend Update desk, not to mention being head writer of the show for many seasons, helped him hone a topical brand of comedy that is perfect for the 'Late Night' franchise."

4 "The Rachel" came out of being high

It turns out one of the most iconic hairstyles of the '90s was created under the influence. Chris McMillan, longtime hairstylist to Jennifer Aniston, says he was stoned when he created "the Rachel," Aniston's "Friends"-era haircut that became a huge hit, according to WWD. "I'm 14 years sober, so I feel safe enough to say that," McMillan says. There apparently aren't any hard feelings, as Aniston and McMillan are still working together. I wonder what Miley Cyrus' stylist was on when she gave the pop star her latest 'do. Bath salts, perhaps?

Youngblood Hawke swims in the deep

Music. After a false start with another band, Sam Martin and Simon Katz are back with a new band to "Wake Up" the world.

Youngblood Hawke want to save the sharks and to save you with their music. / THE WINDISH AGENCY

To hear Youngblood Hawke's Sam Martin talk, you might imagine him some kind of environmentalist, rather than the frontman of a swiftly rising indie pop outfit. "I think it's important to conserve nature and take care of our earth," he says. "I feel like one day we're going to look, and it's going to disappear on us, and we're going to wish that we had lived a little bit differently."

He's talking about the inspiration for the music video for the band's single "We Come Running," which was filmed entirely underwater and features the band members swimming alongside live sharks. "We wanted to show people that they weren't these man-eating killers. We can't keep slaughtering these animals at the rate we're doing it, because we're going to completely wipe them out. And the ocean would die."

Indeed, Martin says that if he weren't a musician he'd probably be working in the great outdoors. But he's otherwise employed, making infectious, up-tempo electro-rock with one of his best college buds, producer Simon Katz.

Martin and Katz have been collaborating ever since the two moved from Colorado to L.A. to start their first band, Iglu & Hartly. The band enjoyed moderate success, scoring a Top 5 hit in Europe, before dissolving suddenly — and painfully, says Martin — due to strained relationships with other members. The pair seem to be in a much better place now."I feel confident in our album and our songwriting abilities. I think we're just fortunate to be in this position right now," he says."

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Work ethic

Giving it their all

When asked to describe the band's sound, Martin hesitates. "I feel like describing music is like trying to describe a color," he says. "There's rock, there's dance, there's definitely synth and there's some pop elements to it, definitely. ... What separates us is that we have some weirder lyrics that we balance out with the pop choruses."

It's easier to articulate the band's unofficial mission statement: "We're all kind of excited about life. We just like to give people a great experience. They come to a show and buy a ticket, they should walk away feeling like we gave all of our effort to entertain them."

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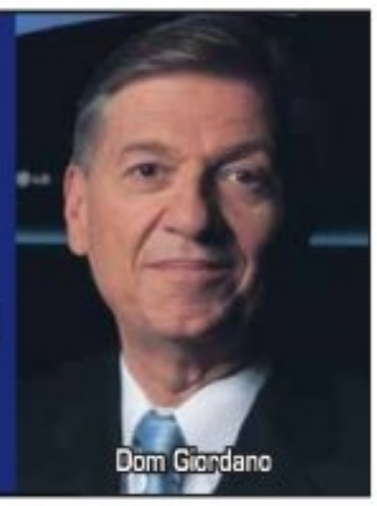
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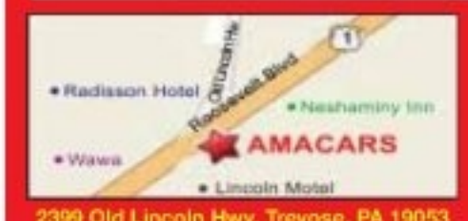

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Exploring masculinity

Art. John Y. Wind's new exhibit looks at what goes into being a man.

Imagine tying a string to all the nostalgic souvenirs of your past and looping the whole mess around the present day. Artist John Y. Wind is doing just that with his assembled keepsake collages. In his upcoming solo show, "The Making of a Modern Man," Wind explores masculinity, the passage of time, and how outside pressures like the media and societal expectations can decide what it means to be a man.

Wind's creations highlight found objects, whether they are vintage baubles or the artist's old toiletries. Busts of influential men, like Beethoven, are adorned with necklaces of handheld appliances and tangled wires. A sculpture of David is decked out with pearls, watches and Elvis paraphernalia.

"It's the stuff of my life, and this is an attempt to encapsulate my journey," he says. "These are things found during my travels, objects from my past, pictures from magazines. The objects become stand-ins for the passage of time."

Wind's day job involves a different type of art: jewelry. His company, Maximal Art, sells necklaces and bracelets with charms and monogrammed lockets. Wind fell into jewelry-making accidentally, when he was at art school London, after graduating from Penn in the early '80s. "I became a club kid, a party animal by night. The scene was just so dynamic there, everyone was being creative," he says. "I was making jewelry for my friends — crazy brooches we would wear. By the time I graduated, I was supporting myself on the jewelry I was making."

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John Y. Wind's "Phrenology" will be on display at the gallery.
JIN GRAHAM

Q&A

What is your favorite found piece?

"It's a beat-up old surfboard from the '70s. It's in the show, actually. The guy who owned it before me put a bunch of girly stickers on it, so I just covered it in my own things. It has such character and patina."

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Sorry, old sport: 'Gatsby' gets silver

Box office. People flocked to "Iron Man 3" even more than they did "The Great Gatsby."

Robert Downey Jr.'s Tony Stark (with suit and kid) outgrossed Jay Gatsby this weekend. / ZADE ROSENTHAL

Tony Stark's superpowers lifted blockbuster "Iron Man 3" back to the top of movie charts in the United States and Canada, beating out a strong debut over the weekend for lavish Jazz Age drama "The Great Gatsby."

Coming off a gigantic opening a week earlier, "Iron Man 3" commanded $72.5 million in ticket sales from Friday through Sunday in its second weekend. "Gatsby," starring Leonardo DiCaprio as millionaire Jay Gatsby in the classic F. Scott Fitzgerald tale, earned a strong $51.1 million, according to studio estimates.

International sales for "Iron Man 3" reached a massive $664 million through Sunday after adding $89 million from the weekend, Disney said. The film's worldwide take now stands at $949 million.

"Gatsby" outpaced pre-weekend forecasts for an opening of up to $45 million. Directed by Australian filmmaker Baz Luhrmann, it is the latest Hollywood rendition of Fitzgerald's classic American novel, "The Great Gatsby." A 1974 version starring Robert Redford and Mia Farrow fared poorly at the box office.

The majority of ticket buyers were female by 59 percent to 41 percent, and 31 percent of ticket buyers were under age 25, Warner Bros. said.

DiCaprio's performance was widely praised, but the movie, which cost about $105 million to produce, received a mixed reception from critics. As of Saturday, 48 percent of reviews recommended the film on the Rotten Tomatoes website.

Dark action comedy "Pain & Gain" starring Mark Wahlberg placed a distant third with $5 million at U.S. and Canadian theaters. Comedy "Peeples," the other new nationwide release, finished fourth with $4.9 million. Produced by Tyler Perry, the film stars Craig Robinson and Kerry Washington in the story of a well-off family's reunion that is interrupted when a man arrives to seek their daughter's hand in marriage.

Baseball drama "42" finished in fifth place with $4.7 million. REUTERS

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The filmmaker talks about helping the directors he likes make movies.

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"Life can be about dodging these horrible events that happen to us. And then you die. I think that's the unfortunate reality of how it is. How we choose to live in between that is what makes up our lives." Eli Roth, on mortality

Eli Roth hasn't directed a feature since 2007's "Hostel Part II." But he's been busy. He's enough of a name to put his on films (like "The Last Exorcism" and its sequel), and handle "Hemlock Grove," the Netflix horror series that's doing even better than "House of Cards." He co-wrote, co-produced and co-stars in "Aftershock," directed by Chilean filmmaker Nicolas Lopez, which concerns the aftermath of a massive earthquake, not unlike the one that wreaked havoc upon Chile in 2010.

Was it always the plan to let Nicolas Lopez direct it?
I'm a big fan of Nicolas Lopez's Spanish language movies. He made some terrific romantic comedies, one called "Que Pena Tu Vida," which translates to "F— My Life." There's "Que Pena Tu Boda," which is "F— My Wedding." And then there's "Que Pena Tu Familia," which is "F— My Family." We jokingly called this "F— My Hostel."

Why did Lopez want to do horror?
He started describing for me what it was like living through the 2010 earthquake [in Chile]. It was so horrific. We thought instead of making the Oscar version of this, we'd make a realistic version. We'd use it as the basis for a thriller and fictionalize it. It's all based on things that really happened. Society really unraveled in a matter of minutes.

Has Chile rebuilt since the 2010 earthquake?
One of the things about shooting there was that a lot of it was still destroyed. The set was already designed for us. They're slowly repairing, but some

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Eli Roth (next to Lorenza Izzo) co-wrote, co-produced and co-stars in the bloody disaster film "Aftershock." / RADIUS-TWC

things they'll never be able to fix. They're too damaged. There was one scene where I was pinned under a rock and I looked around and said, "Wow, the art department did an amazing job." [Lopez] said, "Ha ha, gringo. Art department? This is real!"

Beyond the earthquake itself, this has a pretty bleak world view.

We talked about Hitchcock, and about how "The Birds" is about the randomness of life and how terrible things happen to you for absolutely no reason, with no explanation before, during or after. For me that's what life is. Life can be about dodging these horrible events that happen to us — and then you die. I think that's the unfortunate reality of how it is. How we choose to live in between that is what makes up our lives.

Some people criticize your characters for being Ugly Americans. How do you feel about them?
Obviously I like the characters, because I wrote them. I think that my characters are honest. They're not trying to please everybody. They behave like people. People in life aren't always politically correct; they don't always do the right thing. And I find so many movies boring because the characters are watered down. And that's what I try to write. It's not for me to judge.

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TV picks

Kaniehtiio Horn — right, next to a gentleman alien — looks appropriately, well, defiant, on "Defiance." / BEN MARK HOLZBERG, SYFY

COMEDY

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The group heads to Barney and Robin's wedding and incurs just enough drama to constitute a season-ending cliffhanger. **SEASON FINALE, 8 P.M., CBS**

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DRAMA

'Defiance'

Aliens and people must learn to coexist in this future-based alien invasion show that is definitely nothing at all like "Alien Nation." No, seriously, it's totally different. **9 P.M., SYFY**

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If this is you on a daily basis, it's OK to ask your neighbors to keep it down. / GETTY IMAGES, ZOONAR RF

The question

I have really noisy neighbors who are driving me crazy. I hear all their personal conversations and parties, and know way too much about their sex lives. Plus they argue a lot and slam doors. I pay a lot of rent and resent having to deal with this. Any suggestions?

No Insurance Necessary

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As the saying goes, good fences make good neighbors. For many cosmopolitans, unfortunately, those proverbial fences are thin walls and creaky floors that broadcast every groan, thump or raised voice from strangers who share the same address. We pay a premium for every square foot of privacy, yet unwittingly share plumbing, critters and private moments. Still, many of us know next to nothing about the lives, much less the names, of the people we pass in halls daily. It's a strange and uninvited intimacy.

Your frustrations are completely understandable. We expect our homes to be sanctuaries from the hustle and bustle of city life — which is all the more reason we get so bent out of shape by unwelcome disturbances. But you need not suffer interminably. Aside from sound-proofing, there are several things you can do to restore your sanity:

1 Assess the situation. Acting on anger, like retaliating or slamming your door, may only aggravate the situation, and could lead them to believe that you're the problem. Unlike passengers on a packed train, these aren't pushy strangers you'll never see again. Until one of you moves, you're stuck with them. White noise machines can help buffer conversational intrusion. If the noise is louder and ongoing, you may want to collect your thoughts or make a list of your complaints. If you're awoken in the middle of the night, knocking on the wall may be just enough to remind your neighbor that the walls are thin.

2 Politely discuss the noise levels with your neighbors (for safety purposes, you may want to take someone else along). Be factual: Tell them what you can hear and suggest they keep noise levels down late at night. If possible, find humor in the situation (a friend received a letter from her neighbor stating: "We respect people's right to a healthy sex life, but you are keeping our kids up at night"). Your neighbors may be unaware and will want to maintain their privacy. They may also be able to hear you too, which may affect how you choose to modulate your volume. See if you can come up with a mutually agreeable solution. Write down the date when you confronted your neighbors, as you may need it if the issue isn't resolved.

3 If you receive a negative response, or no response at all, supply them with a copy of your lease. Most leases contain a clause stating your right to "quiet enjoyment." You might also consider writing your neighbors a letter informing them that if they don't quiet down, you will be notifying the landlord. A letter signed by other neighbors who don't appreciate the noise could be additionally effective.

4 If necessary, contact your landlord. Inform him or her of what you've done thus far and supply them with a copy of your letter, if you wrote one. You'd be amazed at how much quieter people become if they fear eviction. Calling the police is also an option if the noise is "disturbing the peace," especially if you suspect domestic violence.

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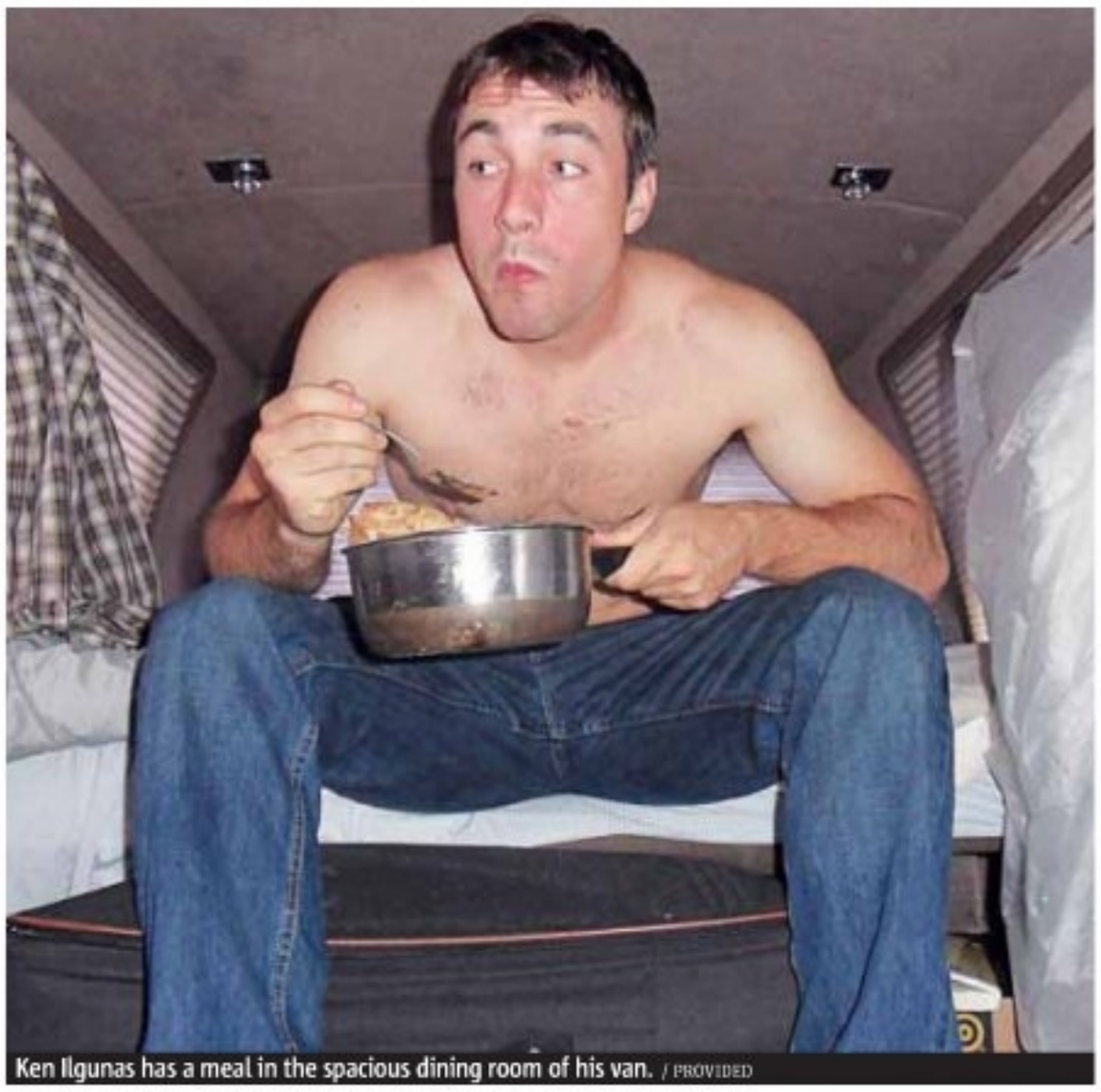
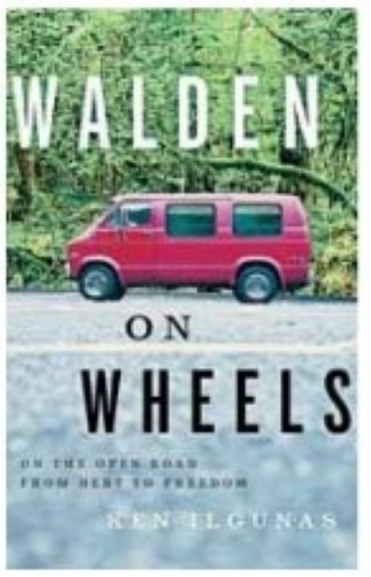

Ken Ilgunas has a meal in the spacious dining room of his van. / PROVIDED

Books. Ken Ilgunas wrote a story on his cheap and adventurous path to a grad degree.

Students in the U.S. now live in the shadow of a collective total of one trillion dollars of debt. For Ken Ilgunas, escaping that debt was a matter of determination — and he was willing to live in a van to prove it. In his new book, "Walden on Wheels: On the Open Road from Debt to Freedom," Ilgunas enumerates, with considerable grace and humor, his adventures living in a red Econoline van, retrofitted for graduate school at Duke University.

After graduating with just over $30,000 in debt from his undergraduate education at the University of Buffalo, Ilgunas threw every particle of his being and hour of wakefulness toward paying it off. He got used to



a lifestyle of roughing it while living in a tent as a back country ranger and hitchhiked to Alaska where he worked a variety of jobs.

Two and a half years later, he had paid off his debt. He vowed that he wouldn't go into that hole again — but he wasn't ready to give up on the life of a scholar.

So, Ilgunas sent out applications to graduate schools that fit his academic standards as well as his climactic ones — after all, temperature is a big deal if you're planning to live in a van on the campus parking lot.

"Most of the sacrifices [of van living] were more social. You can't bring friends to your van to have a couple drinks and watch a movie," he says, with a self-effacing laugh. "The thought of telling a girl that I lived in a van in a place like Duke ... it was just horrifying."

Though Ilgunas lived in fear of being caught by campus police, he got away with studying in the library and showering at the campus gym. For him, it was worth it because of the education he was getting in liberal studies, where he could take courses across a variety of disciplines.

"One course might contain elements of several disciplines — history, biology, neuroscience — all wrapped into one. You can find yourself reading Jane Austen alongside a science document," he says. "That unconventional approach often leads to breakthroughs." In Ilgunas'

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"People kind of think of their student debt is almost another inevitable payment, something like car insurance that you're expected to pay every month for 25 years. I wanted to take a much more radical approach." Ken Ilgunas

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by the river)

Cleaning out the van makes it clear exactly what Ilgunas had around to keep him afloat. / PROVIDED

mind, it gave him the freedom he didn't always have in his constricted lifestyle.

Ultimately, Ilgunas relished the experienced. "I always felt deep down that I was meant to live a free and adventure-filled life," he says. The van-dwelling made both of these things possible.

"People kind of think of their student debt as almost another inevitable payment, something like car insurance that you're expected to pay every month for 25 years. I wanted to take a much more radical approach," he says.

Ilgunas' radical approach to life and unique sense of humor is what makes "Walden on Wheels" a great read. But debt-conscious students should be forewarned — the Duke University handbook has now been updated with a clause that bans living in a van.

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Q&A

What is your advice to students now?

I would say don't listen to what some people say about the liberal arts. I think it's silly to deride them as a waste of time, that's like saying a walk in the woods or having a child [is]; these things aren't entirely practical, but we don't deride them.

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What grads need to know

Tips. Before you toss those graduation caps in the air, know how to get hired.

It isn't easy to pinpoint what lessons students have learned after four years of college, which is why we went to the experts for help. We spoke with college administrators, presidents and financial service agents to find out what they think grads should know by the time they finish school.

Tossing the caps up doesn't mean you know everything. / GETTY IMAGES

Know the right (and wrong) way to handle debt

Ignoring your loans is only going to hurt you. "The best way to handle your loans is to be proactive," says Chanel Greene, manager of Financial Aid at Peirce College. "If you haven't found a job or are unemployed, let your lender know," adds Greene. "Just as the Department of Education helped you finance your education, they will be there to help you figure out your repayment."

Know how to plan, organize and prioritize

Your employer will love you for it. "Employers need people who are self-directed and are not going to sit around waiting for instructions and direction," explains Steve Hassinger, Career Services Director at Central Penn College. "Employees are being asked to do more as budgets are trimmed and businesses are downsized." Hassinger adds that extracurricular activities help students learn to prioritize. "You cannot show up for practice on time every day and still get good grades if you don't have these skills."

Know how to work in a group

Get ready for the real world, kid, because it requires that you work well with others. "Most of the time we can accomplish more when we work together," says Zach Messitte, president of Ripon College. "Students should be able to work collaboratively as well as alone," he adds. The occasional group project at school is actually good insight into the working world. Pay attention to how you brainstorm and delegate tasks, as well as how you handle a group member who doesn't want to work.

You need to know:

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THERE'S NO NEED TO GO IT ALONE: FIND A MENTOR

Mentors can provide beneficial feedback so you know what you're doing right. / GETTY IMAGES, DESIGN PICS RF

Last month I attended the annual awards conference of Catalyst, an organization that advocates for women in business. Xerox CEO Ursula Burns was the lunchtime speaker. She was refreshingly blunt, funny and engaging. One of the points she made was that mentors are an important part of a successful career: "Men and women need them, but women need them more."

That made me a bit concerned, as I've never really had one. I asked Tiffany Dufu to spell out just what mentorship can do for women in particular. Dufu is chief leadership officer of Levo League, a startup devoted to getting Generation Y women to the top. Mentorship, she says, "helps you achieve clarity through guidance and encouragement."

Many women want to find a mentor, but it's hard to go about that if there's no obvious candidate lurking in your office. And there may not be, since senior women are relatively thin on the ground. Dufu says you should definitely seek out men as well. She advises mentees not to think about mentorship in terms of one person, a savior who's going to magically elevate your career. "It's valuable to have multiple mentors at one time, because that's how you can shape one element of mentorship, which is learning more about yourself," she says, and adds that various mentors should be giving you messages about yourself that are consistent: "That is how you build a level of self-awareness about what to do next in your career." Levo League now has an online mentorship program allowing members to tap many senior women for advice.

Dufu says she's had wonderful mentors in the past who were totally unconnected to her company or industry — women "who had been around the block several times and could provide guidance." So don't feel your mentor has to be someone from work.

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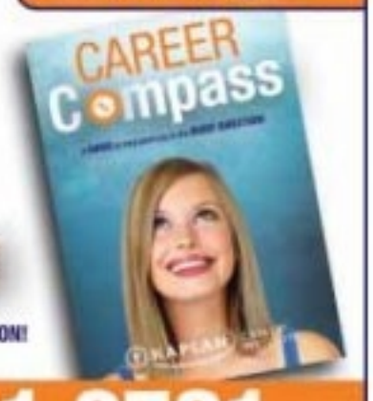

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There is both professional and personal risk involved with aspiring for a creative career. Parsons School of Design faculty member and teacher of his self-designed course "Creativity: Making a Living With Your Ideas," B. Jeffrey Madoff says: "Anyone pursuing a creative career should realize it's a job, a fun job. However, discipline is essential and, like an athlete, dancer or musician, [you need to] practice and challenge yourself constantly to get better."

Quoted

"My job is to provoke, entertain, disrupt and educate."
Madoff

How do you approach building a creative career with your students?
As a teacher, my job is to provoke, entertain, disrupt and educate. I crack jokes, make outrageous things up, call on students randomly to include everyone in the discussion and, most importantly, create an environment where the students will feel safe so they will not be afraid to speak up.

What would you say to someone who believes that they have failed at making a creative career?
It's important to define what failure is for you. If a person has failed in their pursuit, it's important to understand why. Failure can be a terrific learning experience. Failure, to me, is not trying. As long as I keep trying and keep learning, I haven't failed.

What are motivational tips for people wanting to get a creative career underway?
Motivation is why you do something: for money, fame, approval and satisfaction. It's up to the person to keep themselves motivated by what they hope to get out of what they do. One can be supported and encouraged by others, but the motivation has to come from within. Creativity is a passion to affect change. Passion is internal. Follow your passion.

Are there ways to take a current career and make it creative?
Frank Zappa defined music as "any sound you can control." It's all about how you look at what you do and how you act on it. Music, painting, boxing, mathematics; everything can be creative or drudgery. A creative person discovers the ways to make what they do interesting.

What you'll need

1. The clarity to determine where and how you want to apply your creative efforts
2. An awareness of the distinctive difference you can bring to that pursuit and the ability to articulate that difference to the gatekeepers you need to get through (e.g. investors, employers, consumers, etc.)
3. The knowledge that there is a market for what it is you want to create.
4. Not being paralyzed by the fear of risk of failure — because if you are afraid, you will never do anything interesting.
5. Thick enough skin to persevere through the inevitable rejection and criticism you'll receive.
6. The realization that whatever you create it is separate from you. Criticism and rejection shouldn't be taken personally.

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♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Though you will admirably want to help someone you see struggling, make sure that the person is legitimately in need of help.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Complications will arise if you're so adamant about having your way that you buck the will of the majority.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Be careful not to overplay your hand in a collective endeavor. Demanding things be done your way could make opponents.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Nothing will be gained by arguing with someone whose views differ radically from yours. It might be about something that neither of you can change.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. If you're swimming in unfamiliar waters, make sure you have a firm grasp of what's what.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Don't make a major domestic decision before talking things over with your mate and/or family.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Someone who has neglected to thank you for a previous favor might once again seek your help. Don't look for a different ending.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Normally, you're a pretty cautious person, but today someone might talk you into doing a favor for him or her against your better judgment.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Have some alternative plans in mind today, just in case you have to scrap your original objective.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Just because someone strong-willed is presenting something to you doesn't mean you have to do what this person wants.

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20. If you're not careful, you could get yourself in trouble by giving more than you can materially or emotionally afford.

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters

Who's afraid of a shrine?

Re: "Don't build a shrine to a bomber" (Metro, May 10-12) Letter writer Brian A. Jones imagines a world of terrorists making a shrine and "a place of pilgrimage" to the Boston Marathon bomber's burial plot. I say, good — if that would really happen. With FBI surveillance that would become an ideal site to identify and survey any sympathizing terrorists stupid enough to appear there. Tell me off the top of your head, if you can: Where are the "shrines" of John Wilkes Booth, Charles Guiteau, Sacco and Vanzetti or Timothy McVeigh? No one knows or cares. You are fearful of something that doesn't actually exist. We need to focus on genuine world problems.
MICHAEL ANGELO, VIA EMAIL

Re: "All deserve a proper burial" (Metro, May 9) To letter writer Ruben Sauceda, who believes that alleged, deceased Boston bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev deserves a proper burial: By now we are aware that an anonymous person accepted his body for burial. Good as you may believe this to be, I had an alternative for you: Bury that murderer in your own backyard, but dig the hole deep enough to send him to hell.
JOSEPH R. LAPENTA, VIA E-MAIL

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27 Scary
31 Coffee choices
35 Sis. or bro.
36 Sharif and Bradley
38 Music source
39 Quit flying
41 Sends forth
43 Ducks' haunt
44 Nurse – Barton
46 Cuts and pastes
48 Princess Di's niece
49 Brownies
51 Red fish
53 Like summer tea
55 Wildebeests
56 Gasp
59 Make fun of
61 Out-of-this-world
65 Big shocks
68 Prod on
69 Fierce look
70 Hairy twin
71 Clinton, Gore, etc.
72 Tex-Mex dip
73 Easy victory
74 Fiber-rich grain

Down
1 Singer – Tennille
2 Left
3 Lacking scruples
4 Computer glitch result
5 Memorable time
6 Island near Borneo
7 Prince Val's wife
8 Sault – Marie
9 Race equalizer
10 Hence
11 Wagers
12 Arthur of tennis
13 Felt boot
18 Commend
20 European capital
24 Make – – for oneself
26 "– Spiegel"
27 Fracture
28 Conversation starter
29 Trojan saga
30 Power systems
32 Unfired brick
33 Superior
34 Fizzy drinks
37 Smart
40 Quislings
42 Loses a lap (2 wds.)
45 Canine registry
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50 Like autumn leaves
52 Prefix for "false"
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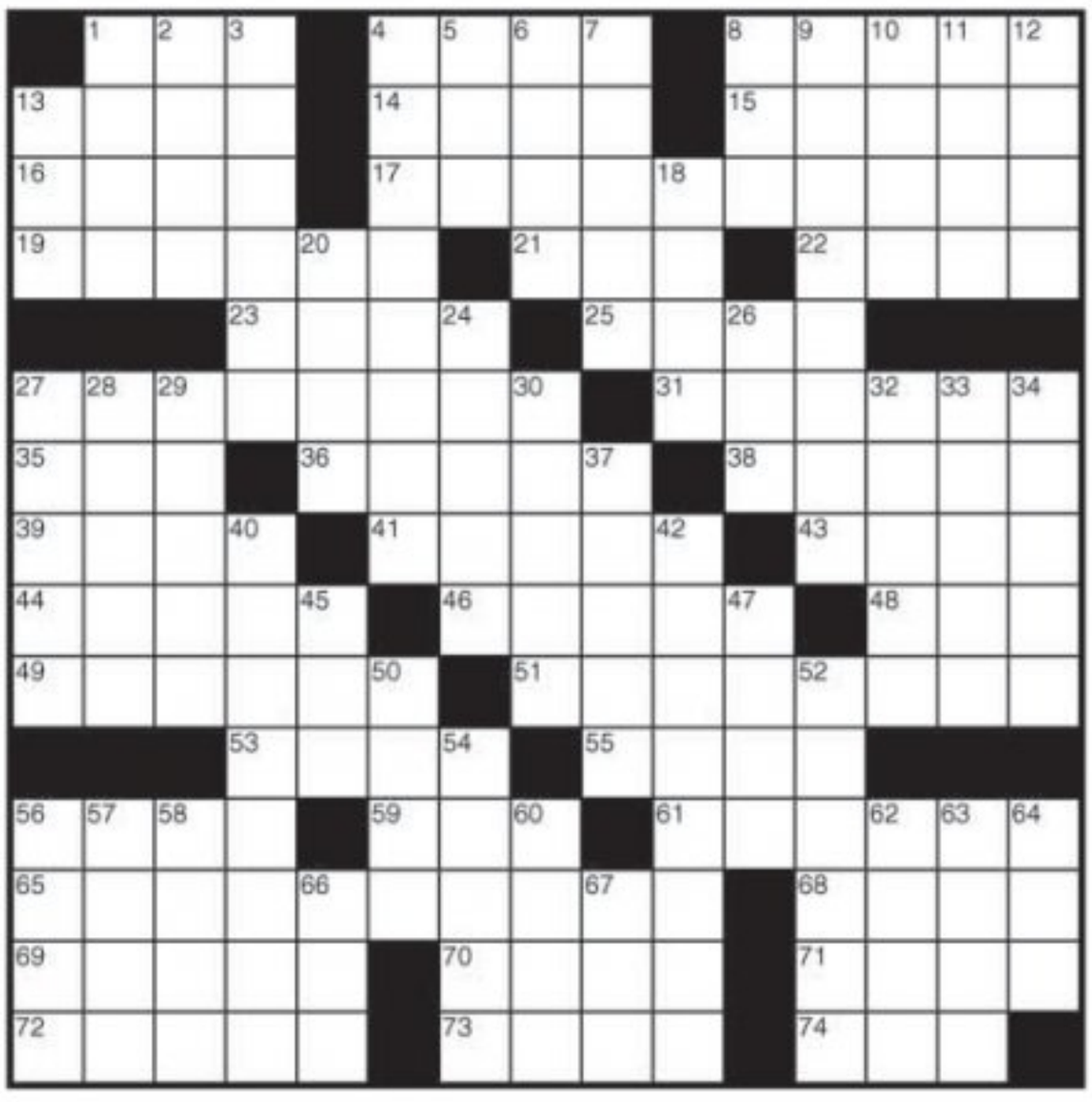

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"I'm doing this for love of the game," said center Daynese Stowe, who played at Maryland-Eastern Shore. "I'm hoping this can open some doors, in the basketball world and the modeling world."

Some players showed up in high heels; others in sneakers. Angel Stephens, a forward who scored 1,000 points at Cheyney University, was flashing shiny earrings.

"Earrings in," Stephens said. "Diamonds are forever."

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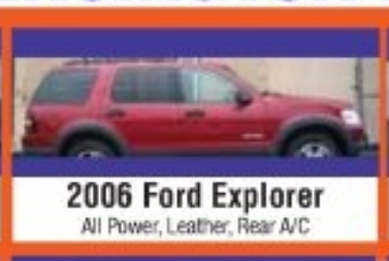
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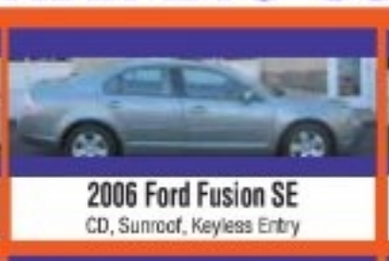
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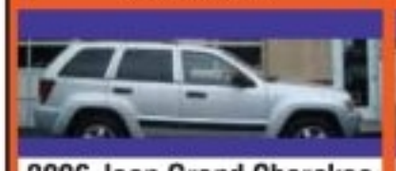
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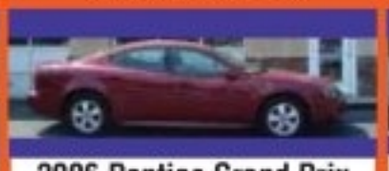
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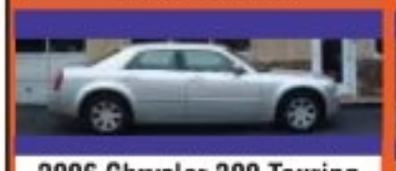
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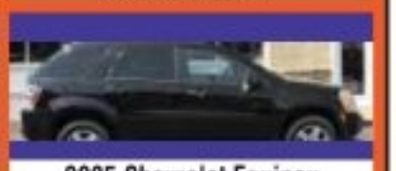
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130307 An Ordinance amending the Ordinance of March 1, 1963, entitled "An Ordinance authorizing the Board of Pensions and Retirement to enter into an agreement or agreements to administer employee retirement benefits for the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation, Passenger Services Improvement Corporation, Food Distribution Center, and the Philadelphia Parking Authority, under certain terms and conditions," as amended, to provide for revised reimbursement rates, under certain terms and conditions.

130360 Resolution authorizing the Committee on Labor and Civil Service to hold hearings to examine the Neighborhood Transformation Initiative contracts awarded to LP Group 2 from 2004 to 2006.

Immediately following the public hearing, a meeting of the Committee on Labor and Civil Service, open to the public, will be held to consider the action to be taken on the above listed items.

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